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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 19, and 41 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) An intravascular catheter, comprising:

an elongate shaft having a proximal end, a distal end, and a distal tip having a shapeable

length, the elongate shaft including: